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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US FISHING BOATS: PROPOSAL FOR BUYBACK OF CATCH

REF: GUAYAQUIL 235

1. MORNING FEBRUARY 12 DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOE AND VESSEL REPRESENTATIVES RESUMED IN GUAYAQUIL ON BUY-BACK OF CATCH AND OTHER MATTERS AFTER THREE DAY HIATUS. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNT PROVIDED TO POLCOUNS BY STARKIST LAWYER NISITICH, GOE REPS NOW ALKING IN TERMS OF \$400 PER TON FOR BUYBACK DEAL. THIS PROPOSITION APPARENTLY UNACCEPTABLE TO ZAPATA (OWNER OF FIRST FOUR BOATS) AND THEY ARRE PRESENTLY INCLINING TOWARDS ALLOWING CATCH TO BE CONFISCATED.

2. STARKIST REP NIZITICH IS PURSUING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ANGLE. HE HAS TOLD GOE REPS THAT HE WILLING TO CONSIDER BUYBACK BUT ONLY IF MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAKES EXCEPTION TO REGULATIONS AND ALLOWS OCEAN QUEEN AND A.K. STROM (BOTH OVER 600 NRT) TO FISH IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS AFTER RELEASE FROM DETENTION. NISITICH SAYS THAT IF SUCH EXCEPTION NOT MADE, STARKIST WILL ALSO OPT FOR CONFISCATION.

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3. ANOTHER MEETING TO CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS IS
SCHEDULED FOR LATE FEBRUARY 12 OR EARLY FEBRUARY 13.

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